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Sen. Patterson urges quick signing of JOBS bills

LANSING – Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, today urged the governor to quickly sign into law legislation aimed at spurring job creation and economic growth in Michigan.

“It’s important for Michigan’s economy that we get these bills signed quickly,” Patterson said. “These reforms will help bring us up to speed with the rest of the nation and make our economic outlook brighter.”

The Legislature has sent the governor bills aimed at exempting small start-up businesses from certain taxes during their first five years of operation, eliminating taxation of federal and state research funds, expanding the use of private labs for state business and making the permit process more efficient.

Patterson sponsored Senate Bill 1234, one of the bills in the Senate’s Red-Tape Reduction Package. His bill requires the Department of Labor and Economic Growth to issue permits to install or repair a boiler within 90 days of the receipt of an application. SB 1234 also provides a 30-day window to examine an application for completeness.

All of the legislation awaiting the governor’s signature is part of the JOBS Action Plan, a legislative initiative designed to create new job opportunities, save existing jobs and promote a friendlier and healthier business climate in Michigan.

“These bills send a strong message that the Legislature is committed to making things easier for companies to open and remain in business through the revamped permit process and exemption of certain taxes,” Patterson said. “Getting residents back to work is a top priority.”

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